

## BUILDING APPROVALS - MAY, 1957.

Approvals were issued during May, 1957, for 971 new dwellings estimated to cost £2,521,600. This number of approvals, the highest May total recorded since 1951, was 227 above that for the previous month and 228 more than the number for May, 1956. Additions and alterations to dwellings, valued at £235,200, were 11.4 per cent. above the total for the preceding month, and 5.4 per cent. higher than the amount recorded in May, 1956.

Approvals of new buildings other than dwellings were valued at £987,300, or 8 per cent. below the total for May, 1956, while additions and alterations to such buildings, costing £180,400, were 32 per cent. less than the corresponding figure for May, 1956.

The following table gives particulars of building operations approved in Queensland during the month of May, 1957.

## Building Approvals, Queensland, May, 1957.

(Including Queensland Housing Commission, but excluding Other Governmental Operations.)

Local Authority.	Dwellings.				Other Buildings.				All Operations.
	New.		Additions, &c.		New.		Additions, &c.		
	No.	£	No.	£	No.	£	No.	£	£
<u>Metropolitan-</u>									
City of Brisbane ..	425	1,183,947	275	100,088	52	453,059	59	84,824	1,821,918
<u>South-Eastern-</u>									
City of Bundaberg ..	14	30,547	13	1,953	2	5,551	1	100	38,151
Gympie ..	9	19,700	11	2,575	1	350	2	8,200	30,825
Ipswich ..	27	59,695	7	2,550	4	43,685	1	932	106,862
Maryborough ..	9	22,270	13	6,545	3	2,750	6	2,166	33,731
Town of Redcliffe ..	28	53,981	23	19,508	10	10,240	-	-	83,729
South Coast ..	59	165,615	32	27,117	17	76,906	8	27,575	297,213
Shires ..	76	158,702	43	18,971	10	20,365	18	11,760	209,798
<u>Total</u> ..	222	510,510	142	79,219	47	159,847	36	50,733	800,309
<u>Toowoomba &amp; S. West-</u>									
City of Toowoomba ..	20	59,306	53	11,968	11	98,161	4	3,055	172,490
Warwick ..	1	2,900	5	790	1	11,000	-	-	14,690
Town of Charleville ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dalby ..	3	6,200	10	2,355	1	12,000	4	3,875	24,430
Goondiwindi ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Roma ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shires ..	21	56,715	22	7,745	11	26,930	10	2,800	94,190
<u>Total</u> ..	45	125,121	90	22,858	24	148,091	18	9,730	305,800
<u>Central &amp; Mackay-</u>									
City of Mackay ..	9	20,398	3	840	9	42,077	4	5,060	68,375
Rockhampton ..	17	45,866	28	6,536	6	7,904	4	2,700	63,006
Town of Gladstone ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shires ..	20	36,793	3	1,596	5	8,450	4	5,200	52,039
<u>Total</u> ..	46	103,057	34	8,972	20	58,431	12	12,960	183,420
<u>Northern-</u>									
City of Cairns ..	21	55,524	27	9,502	7	8,065	6	11,579	84,670
Charters Trs. ..	-	-	2	670	2	9,711	-	-	10,381
Townsville ..	164	421,805	26	8,325	7	129,063	8	2,726	561,919
Town of Bowen ..	1	2,000	2	310	1	2,300	-	-	4,610
Hughenden ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thursday Is. ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shires ..	47	119,645	31	5,290	7	18,780	14	7,870	151,585
<u>Total</u> ..	233	598,974	88	24,097	24	167,919	28	22,175	813,165
<u>Total State</u> ..	971	2,521,609	629	235,234	167	987,347	153	180,422	3,924,612

Approvals during May, 1957, included 425 dwellings approved in Brisbane, or 44 per cent. of the State total, and, of these, 19 per cent. were Queensland Housing Commission approvals. In the rest of the State, the greatest numbers of approvals were issued in Townsville (164, of which 135 were Housing Commission approvals), Town of South Coast (59), Redcliffe (28), and Ipswich (27).

Approvals for all work other than dwellings in May, 1957, totalled £1,167,800, which was 13 per cent. below the corresponding total for May, 1956. Brisbane's total of £537,900, 12 per cent. above the average of the first four months of 1957, accounted for 46 per cent. of the State total, while high figures were recorded in Townsville (£131,800), Town of South Coast (£104,500), Toowoomba (£101,200), Mackay (£47,100), and Ipswich (£44,600).

The next table shows monthly totals for the whole State from May, 1956, to May, 1957.

Building Approvals, Queensland.

(Including Queensland Housing Commission, but excluding Other Governmental Operations.)

Month.	Dwellings.				Other Buildings.				All Operations.
	New.		Additions and Alterations.		New.		Additions and Alterations.		
	No.	£	No.	£	No.	£	No.	£	£
<u>1956.</u>									
May ..	743	1,787,273	819	223,266	147	1,072,843	215	265,417	3,348,799
June ..	1,058	2,872,034	711	198,385	197	1,092,249	191	338,083	4,500,751
July ..	710	1,710,074	765	217,256	177	1,114,232	193	211,543	3,253,105
August	720	1,737,492	831	230,294	210	1,175,103	207	214,249	3,357,138
September	728	1,694,585	756	252,458	173	1,148,063	199	224,305	3,319,411
October	874	2,092,620	802	253,970	216	1,848,407	211	254,908	4,449,905
November	938	2,332,919	786	226,888	201	1,138,600	199	210,557	3,908,964
December	979	2,909,755	617	154,686	183	811,487	118	129,759	4,005,687
<u>1957.</u>									
January	598	1,481,835	590	154,042	152	777,516	152	154,938	2,568,331
February	596	1,497,893	652	178,294	224	1,214,004	160	113,057	3,003,248
March ..	642	1,564,988	674	209,352	153	493,237	187	159,747	2,427,324
April ..	744	1,826,797	714	211,156	210	1,630,356	175	147,013	3,815,322
May ..	971	2,521,609	629	235,234	167	987,347	153	180,422	3,924,612

Of the total value of all approvals issued during May, 1957 (£3,924,600), work on dwellings represented 70.2 per cent. (new dwellings 64.2 per cent., and additions and alterations 6.0 per cent.), while work on buildings other than dwellings was 29.8 per cent.

The average estimated costs per dwelling approved in May, 1957, were Brisbane, £2,786; other Cities and Towns, £2,528; and all Shires, £2,267. The averages for the five months ended May, 1957, were Brisbane, £2,782; other Cities and Towns, £2,392; and all Shires, £2,202. These averages were higher than the corresponding figures for the five months ended 31st May, 1956, by 7.7, 5.0, and 9.1 per cent. respectively.

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